

March 12, 2012

STATEMENT OF TESTIMONY
GRANDPARENT'S VISITATION RIGHTS

I, Joseph E. Healy of 94 Fairhaven Road, Niantic, Ct., have been denied visitation rights to my two grandsons for over the past six years.

My two grandsons are now at the ages of thirteen and ten. Sean Healy is the older, at 13 and Samuel is the youngest at 10. They are the sons of Ryan Healy and Heather Healy. Ryan being my son and Heather being my daughter-in-law.

Sean and I had a very close relationship for his first seven years. Samuel was only 3 when contact was denied. I had a very limited relationship with Samuel due to his age.

For the past six plus years, I as a grandparent have had very little to no contact with either grandson. I have been denied seeing either of the boys by my son and daughter-in-law. On the other hand my two grandsons have grandparents on my daughter-in-law's side who have unlimited access and visitation rights to the two boys.

I am a person of good character and reputation and do not understand the position of my daughter-in-law and son in regards to this matter.


Back in April of 2006, I consulted Attorney Thomas Amato of Manchester, Ct., on the visitation rights issue. His findings are attached.

Since then I met with my daughter-in-law at her request and asked her if I could see my grandsons. She flatly stated "that's not going to happen".

In turn, I contacted my daughter-in-law's father, Joseph Bunkley to find a way to resolve the matter. This resulted in a futile effort on my part. I received letters of nastiness from both my son and daughter-in-law. They stood their ground knowing that I did not have any rights.

I support the bill on grandparents which I feel is overdue for Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph E. Healy

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 3/12/12, Niantic, Ct.
County of New London



ROSEMARY M. RATHBUN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2012